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Mayor Schor Signs onto Letter Urging Immediate Action of Gun Safety Legislation

Mayor Schor Joins 214 Bipartisan Mayors from Across the Country

(LANSING) – Mayor Schor today announced that he, along with 214 bipartisan mayors from across the country, has signed onto the U.S. Conference of Mayors' letter calling for immediate Senate action on bipartisan gun safety legislation that has already passed the House of Representatives. The letter urges the Senate Majority and Democratic Leaders to immediately call the Senate back to session to take up and pass bills to help reduce gun violence and the terrible toll it takes on our cities and our nation.

"We have seen terrible instances of gun violence nationally, and Lansing is not immune. This week, we witnessed a tragedy when an argument turned deadly due to the prevalence of illegal guns. Today, I joined 213 other Mayors, Democrats, Republicans and Independents, to call on the U.S. Senate to take up and pass commonsense, bipartisan gun safety legislation," said Mayor Schor. "These bills will reduce gun violence in our country by strengthening background checks, and closing loopholes which allow people to legally bypass these background checks. I applaud the U.S. House, especially Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, for already passing these solutions. Now it is time for the U.S. Senate to follow suit."

The two bipartisan bills that previously passed the U.S. House of Representatives: H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Check Act of 2019, and H.R. 1112, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019. H.R. 8 would require all firearm purchases to have background checks, prohibit unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales and increase law enforcement ability to trace crime guns. H.R. 1112 would extend background check period from 3 to 10 business days.

Mayor Schor and the United States Conference of Mayors stands ready to work with Congress, the Administration and others to find solutions to reduce gun violence.